

1884-001 Chancery Causes: Jeannie Lawson by tc vs Elbert Lawson  
Lee Co.

Willis

CA-Divorce  
T-Property  
Vices  
Migration

-Deed



To the Honorable John A. Kelly Judge  
of the Circuit Court of Lee County Va.  
Your oratrix Jeannie Lawson  
sues by Winder Lawson her next friend  
humbly complaining sheweth unto  
Honor, that she is the wife of one, Elbur  
Lawson, that her & her said husband have been  
married about two years that she has given  
birth to one child now dead and is now  
enicient. That the domestic life of her & her  
husband has been mutually kind and affection-  
ate as common people. until about one  
month ago her said husband became  
and ill, began to recklessly sell & dispose  
his personal property, and make every  
gement for removal, and about two ~~weeks~~  
weeks ago he abandoned & left your ora-  
trix and has gone to the western part of  
the United States. He has left your oratrix with  
no means of a living, or support but des-  
titute - with no one to aid her in her cir-  
culation except such relations as may choose  
to help her along.

Your oratrix alleges that she has always been  
faithful to her marital vows, obedient to  
her husband and in no wise at fault for  
the conduct of her said husband. He is young  
as is your oratrix he is not yet 25 years



of age, and your oratrix really believing  
been wrought upon by others older & more  
crafty than himself - The designs of bad  
men have worked him out & they have  
sought to destroy his happiness & that of  
your oratrix so that they might reap  
a harvest in the handling of his property.  
Left to himself he no doubt would  
have continued his duties as husband.

He is the owner in fee simple of  
valuable Tract of Land situated upon the  
"Dickery Hill" in Lee County Va, on the west  
of the North fork of Clinch river & where  
he derived by descent from ~~his~~  
his father now deceased and adjacent to  
of Loftis Manor & John Lawson, contains  
about 250 or 300. acres, and consists of  
about 40 acres cleared & the residue timbered  
land, - This is the only property he has left  
undivided of. Your oratrix feel constrained  
to ask at the hands of a court of equity  
her reasonable support for life, she still  
hopes to repair the affections of her husband  
& does not <sup>desire to leave from the bonds of matrimony but only a measure of</sup> pray for separation. She is  
sincerely at the command of  
relinquish only in this Honorable court.  
The object therefore is to attach upon said



lands & Subject them to the reasonable sup-  
port of your sister during her life or till  
abandonment of her said husband.

The prayer of your sister therefore  
that the said Albert Lawson be made  
a party dependant to this bill & answer  
its several allegations upon his oath,  
that a guardian ad litem be appointed  
to defend him as he is an infant. That  
in a hearing a decree be rendered <sup>granting a divorce from bed & board and</sup> giving  
your sister her reasonable support  
and maintenance. That said lands be  
attached & held liable therefore & all  
after further & general relief  
Super issue &c.

Agnes Bridgman



On Oct. 10. 72 July 1881  
J. C. 42

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Jessie Lawrie

1882 Aug. Decree & Cont'd  
" Nov. Decree  
1883. Cont'd this Year  
1884 Mr. Cont'd Aug. Decree final

vs Bill Ch. in  
Wright Attachment

Elbert Lawson

1877 Oct. Bill Filed &  
Not Executed, Order  
of Prob. & Cont'd

1877 Nov. Continued  
" Dec. O. P. Completed  
& set for hearing by  
Plaintiffs

1878 Mar. Decree & Cont'd  
" Aug. " " "  
" Nov. " " "

1877 Nov. Cont'd  
" Nov. Decree & Cont'd

1880 Mar. & Aug. Cont'd

1881 Mr. Cont'd

1882 March Decree & Cont'd

Decree & Cont'd

to 5.75 to 1878

to 15.00

to 5.00

to 5.00

to 5.00

to 31.25

Cont'd on 1.75

" 50

to 32.50

to 4.22 July 1881



Sec 16- Chap 166

Code 1873 P. 1087

To the Hon John A. Kelly Judge of the Circuit Court of  
Lee County, Virginia

The undersigned petitioner Albert Lawson respectfully  
represents to your Honor that he is now and has been for  
the last years a citizen and resident of the County of  
Christian in the State of Missouri. That there is now  
pending in your Honor's Court a Suit brought by Jeannie  
Lawson who sues by her next friend Wincker Lawson against  
your petitioner, the object of which was to obtain a divorce  
from your petitioner and for alimony, and to subject your  
petitioner's lands <sup>or the proceeds thereof</sup> lying in said County of Lee to such main-  
tenance. Your petitioner further represents that by a decree  
entered in said cause on the 3rd day of April 1878  
the said Jeannie Lawson was granted a divorce "as  
between et theron" and alimony decreed <sup>for</sup> and your  
petitioner's lands placed in the hands of a receiver  
to be rented out, and the rents and profits of said land  
applied to the maintenance and support of the said  
Jeannie Lawson.

Your Petitioner will further state that he has attained  
the age of 21 years, that he was proceeded against  
in said Suit as an infant by order of Publication, that he  
has not been served with process in said cause and did not  
learn until recently that such cause was pending against him  
and that he did not appear in said cause before the  
date of said decree. Your petitioner further states that five  
years have not elapsed since the date of said decree nor  
over since the institution of said Suit, and that he has not



been served with a copy of said decree one year before the  
expiration of said five years.

Your petitioner further states that he feels himself aggrieved  
by the said decree and proceedings had in said cause, and  
that great injustice has been done him therein, He therefore  
prays that the proceedings had in said cause be set aside in  
 toto, that he be allowed to file his answer, the cause be heard  
and the injustice done your petitioner corrected, and as in  
duty bound your petitioner will ever pray.

Albert Lawson

adv. { Petition

Garrison Lawson

Filed in open Court  
by permission April

1-1882.

J. A. Bryant

Clerk



To the Honorable John A. Kelly Judge  
of The Circuit Court of Lee County Virginia

The petition of John Lawson  
in the chancery cause of Jennie Lawson  
by vs. vs. Elbert Lawson now pending in  
your Honor's Court.

Your petitioner would  
respectfully represent, that since the in-  
stitution of the pending suit, he became  
the purchaser of the land, and of con-  
sequence the rents, issues and profits of the same,  
that heretofore your petitioner has remained  
quiet, for the purpose of awaiting the  
adjustment of the respective rights  
of the Plaintiff and defendant in the  
said cause, so that your petitioner could  
then assert his claims to such part  
of the land as his purchase and con-  
sequence entitled him, but it appears  
from the course things are taking in the  
said cause, that it will be some time  
before these matters are finally ad-  
judicated, and in the meantime the  
rents, issues and profits of the said land  
will continue to arise and accumulate  
and go into the hands of a Receiver  
appointed by decretal order of your Honor.



your petitioner avers that such  
rights and interests in and to, the said  
land, rents, issues and profits as may  
be ascertained to be the property of  
the said Elbert Lawson will belong and  
accrue to your petitioner, by virtue  
of his purchase as aforesaid, and  
which is evidenced by the Deed of  
the said Elbert executed, signed sealed  
delivered and acknowledged pursuant  
to law, and entered of Record in the  
clerk's office of the County Court of Lee  
County in deed book No 19. Page 493.  
The original of which has been filed  
by your petitioner in a certain suit  
now depending in your Honors  
Court, instituted against him by  
his vendor, the said Elbert, to which  
reference is here made to shew  
the right in which your petitioner  
claims. Your petitioner will patiently  
await the determination of this cause,  
but respectfully and humbly ask  
your Honor to enter such orders and  
decrees in the cause as will protect  
him from loss or detriment therein,  
And as in duty bound he will ever  
pray &c.



Virginia

Lee County to wit:

This day  
personally appeared John Lawson  
before me the undersigned clerk  
of the Circuit Court of Lee County and  
made oath in due form of law  
that the matters and things stated  
in the foregoing petition are to the  
best of his knowledge information  
and belief true, Given under my  
hand this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1882.

J. Alstyatt clerk.



John Lawson  
ad.  $\frac{1}{2}$  Petition  
James Lawson  
18.  
Echus Lawson

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Filed by permission in  
open Court Apr. 1/1882  
J. Als Hyatt  
Clerk



To the Hon. John A. Kelly Judge  
of the Circuit Court of Lee County

The demurrer and answer  
of Elbert Lawson to a bill of  
complaint exhibited in this hon-  
orable court against him by  
Jeannie Lawson by Winder  
Lawson her next friend.

Respondant says plaintiffs  
bill is not good and sufficient  
in law wherefore &c.

But if any further or other answer  
is required respondent not waiving  
his said demurrer, answering  
says that he and plaintiff were  
married as stated in her bill  
and lived together for some  
time on good terms, but your  
respondant denies that he  
left the plaintiff without good  
cause or ever treated her  
in a cross or unkind manner

Respondant says that it is  
not true that plaintiff was



faithful<sup>est</sup> to her marital vows  
and an obedient wife, but  
he states that whilst he was  
by hard work, industry and  
economy endeavoring to make  
a living and provide for the  
comfort and happiness of his  
said wife and whilst trusting  
and confiding in her virtue  
and chastity, she was secretly  
guilty of repeated acts of  
adultery with a paramour  
and grossly violated her  
marital vows,

Respondant further states  
that as soon as he became  
aware of the infidelity of his  
said wife he determined  
that he would no longer  
live with her and at once  
left and went to the state  
of Missouri, where he now  
resides and that he has  
never lived or cohabited with



his said wife since he became aware of her infidelity to him

Respondant denies that he was wrought upon by any one and induced to leave but avers that it was the knowledge of the great shame & disgrace which his wife had brought upon him, and that only that induced him to leave the home of his boyhood and the competency that had been provided for him by a kind ancestor, and seek to avoid the stigma in other lands and among other people

Respondant denies that the plaintiff ever bore any children <sup>by him</sup> but avers that they were the fruit of her unlawful intercourse with a paramour which violating her marital bed

Respondant further answering says that plaintiff pur-



suiving the same line of conduct  
that induced your respondent  
to leave her, has ever since  
lived in open and notorious  
adultery and has borne  
children by her paramour.

Respondent denies that the  
plaintiff is entitled to any  
support whatever out of his  
estate and states that she  
has conducted herself in  
such a manner as to debar  
her of all rights, in the prem-  
ises, in a court of Equity  
and respondent is advised  
that this court will by proper  
order and decrees restore  
him the possession of his  
land and direct such  
rents and profits as may  
be in the hands of the receiver  
to be paid to him as well  
as grant him a decree over  
against plaintiff for such



rents and profits as she may  
have unlawfully received  
and now having fully answered  
plaintiffs bill or so much  
thereof as he is advised it is  
material to answer and  
hereby denying generally each  
and every allegation thereof  
not hereinbefore confessed  
and avoided or decided says  
to be hence dismissed with  
his reasonable costs &c

Ayers & Morgan  
attys for Respondent

State of Missouri  
County to wit

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for the county and  
state aforesaid do certify that  
Elbert Lawson this day made oath  
before me that the facts set forth in  
the foregoing answer are true in so  
far as they rest within his own



knowledge and that in so far  
as they depend upon infor-  
mation derived from others  
he believes them to be true  
Given under my hand  
this day of 1882



Elbert Lawson  
ads ~~///~~ Answer

Jeannie Lawson &c

Filed, in open court  
by permission Apr 1: 1882  
J. A. Hyatt  
Clerk



Virginia Lee County, To Wit

To the Honorable John A. Kelly Judge of the Circuit Court of said County

The answer of Albert Lawson by C. I. Dunsen  
can his Guardian ad litem to a bill filed in this Honorable  
Court against him by Jamie Lawson.

This respondent avowing the benefit of all exceptions which  
can or may be taken to said bill for answer thereto answers and  
says that he is an infant under the age of 21 years and  
knows not what defense he should make for himself but  
he requires strict proof of every allegation charged in  
the bill, and being advised that Courts of equity are the  
peculiar guardians of the rights of infants he trusts his  
cause in the hands of your showing that full and  
complete justice will be done him And now having  
answered as fully as he is advised it is material or  
necessary for him to answer it prays to be hence dis-  
missed

C. I. Dunsen G. & L. litem  
for Albert Lawson

Suborn to before me, Decr 3rd 1877.

Ames W. Cox, Clerk.



Jennie Lawson

vs 3 Ans of C. H. L.

Robert Lawson

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Tiled Deer 3<sup>rd</sup> 1877.

Jas W Orr. Clk.



Jennie Lawson by vs.

vs.

Elbert Lawson

Plff.

vs. Lely

Def.

The parties to this suit having settled the matters of dispute between them as shown by a paper filed in the cause Masked (ABC) Pursuant thereto by consent of parties It is adjudged ordered and decreed that the Plff. Jennie Lawson be <sup>forever</sup> barred <sup>from asserting claims to</sup> ~~of claims and~~ alimony as against the deft. Elbert Lawson <sup>in to or</sup> on account of the land in the bill mentioned and that the defendant is entitled to any rents due or to become due in this cause, and each party to pay their own costs, and they are hence dismissed and the cause stricken from the docket.



Jessie Lawson by re

as } Deceased

Edith Lawson

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J. A. Hyatt C. C.

Enter this

J. A. H.

Aug. 27/84

Dover?



Jeannine Lawson by re. Peff  
 vs. In Chy  
 Ebert Lawson Deft.

The debt in this cause having been proceeded against  
 as an infant and <sup>a</sup> non resident of the state, and having  
 attained the age of 21 years, and five years not having  
 elapsed since the institution of the suit. On the motion  
 of the defendant by his counsel who presented his petition  
 in open court, praying to have the cause re-opened, and  
 to be allowed to defend himself in the cause, the said  
 petition is by consent of the plaintiffs counsel, allowed to  
 be filed without being sworn to, and by like consent  
 the said defendant is allowed to file his answer  
 to the Peffs bill without being sworn to, and the same is  
 accordingly filed to which the Plaintiff <sup>submitted a</sup>  
<sup>and the petition of John Lawson is filed to which Ebert Lawson appears</sup>  
<sup>and a rule against John Lawson is made to answer same</sup>  
 general replication, and it is ordered to answer same

and, it appearing that Joseph Willie  
 former receiver, has not made a final  
 report, of his action as such receiver, a  
 rule is awarded against him and his  
 security, Thomas McPherson to shew cause  
 if any they can, upon the first day of  
 the next term, why an execution shall  
 not issue against them for the amount  
 in the hands, said Receiver, - And the  
 Cause is continued



Albert Lawson

as { Deen

Jeanie Lawson

Entered Page 2144

J. A. Hyatt  
Curtis

Enter  
In CAC  
W. J. 1/82



Jeannie Lawson,

vs

Albert S. Lawson.

~~The order of Continuance heretofore~~  
~~granted in this case, is set aside and therefore, this~~  
Court came on again this day to be heard upon the  
papers formerly read, and it appearing that the former  
receiver Jos. Miller, has failed to execute the bond as  
ordered at a former day of this term, and the same  
being again argued by counsel, It is adjudged order-  
ed & decreed, that the former receiver, pay over  
to the plaintiff or her counsel, the sum now, in hands,  
and ~~the Sheriff~~ Thomas D. Eby Sheriff of this County  
is ordered, to take said bond into possession  
& run the same for the use & benefit of the plaintiff,  
~~for a period of one year~~ <sup>until the first day of Jan. 1882.</sup> He will report his  
action to this Court at some future term & the cause  
is continued.



Jeanne Louise Lyre

vs { Decree N. 5

Albert S. Lyre

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Enter. Apr 8 1881.

J. A. K.



Jeannie Lawson by T. Peff

vs.

Elbert S. Lawson

Deft

In Lohy

Thomas McPherson who is the security of Joseph Willis in his official bond as receiver in this cause this day moved the court to be released from further liability as surety for said Willis as such receiver and to remove him from office unless he shall execute a new bond, and it appearing to the court from a written notice of such motion filed among the papers of the cause that the said Willis had legal notice of said motion and he failing to show any cause why he should not be required to execute a new bond On consideration of all which it is adjudged ordered and decreed that said Thomas McPherson be released from all further liability <sup>for any future receipts of said receiver</sup> on account of such surety, and that said Willis be removed from the office of such receiver unless he shall execute a new bond before the clerk of this court with good security as heretofore requested of him <sup>on or before the 5<sup>th</sup> day of this term</sup> and the cause is continued



Jeannia Lawson byt.

vs } Deuce No 4

Elbert S. Lawson

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John C. Orr D.C.

Enter this

J. A. Kelly  
Apr 15/87  
Mar 21/89



Jeannie Lawson by &c. Plff.

Against

Albert Lawson

Def.

} Dr Chy.

This cause came on again this day to be heard upon the papers formerly read and was argued by counsel. And it appearing that Joseph Willis receiver in this cause has heretofore failed to file his report of his acts & doings, or to pay the necessary costs & expenses heretofore decreed by the plff. It is ordered by the court that said Willis appear here on the first day of the next term of this court, and show cause if any he can why he shall not be fined for his said contempt; in failing to obey & discharge the duties heretofore assigned him, and further show to this court why he shall not be removed from his said office of receiver as aforesaid. And the cause is continued.



Joannu Lawson box

vt 3 Dec 21 No 3

Elbert Lawson

Nov. 1. 1879

Ent page 64.

Jas W Orr. clerk.

Enter this Dec

Dec 29 1879  
J. A. K.



Jeannie Lawson & Co. { In Chy  
vs  
Elihu Lawson

This Cause came on again this day to be heard on the papers formerly read and was argued by counsel and it appearing that Loftin Maness the receiver appointed by this Court at its last term has failed to execute the bond required on consideration whereof and on motion of the plaintiff Joseph Willis is hereby appointed a receiver in the room and stead of the said Maness. And the said Willis is ~~directed before acting as receiver to~~ ~~procure~~ having in open Court executed a bond with Tho M. Pherson deputy payable to the Commissioner in the penalty of \$500 - conditioned as prescribed in the former decree



He is ordered and directed to do all  
 such acts and perform the duties  
 imposed by the former clause in the  
 said Moness, and report his action  
 from time to time to this Council  
 and the Council is authorized

James L. Lusk by a

to { sec of  
 substitution

Apr 2

James

Enclosed pages 765 -

of 24 Oct 1878.

Enter

J. A. K.

Oct. 24/78



Leanne Luason by or  
against  
Ellen Luason

} in lch

This Cause came on this day to be heard on the bill of the plaintiff the answer of the defendant by C. J. Duncan his guardian ad litem, the depositions of witnesses and was argued by counsel

On consideration whereof it is adjudged ordered and decreed that the plaintiff and defendant be divorced "a mensa et thoro" ~~from bed and board~~—

And it further appears to the Court that the plaintiff is entitled to suitable maintenance out of the estate of defendant in the bill mentioned, wherefore it is further adjudged and decreed that ~~that~~ John Maness who is hereby appointed receiver & where duty it is made to lotte into his possession the land in the bill mentioned and not it out and

manage it in best manner as may seem most prudent and expedient, He may permit <sup>the tenant</sup> ~~any one~~ now in the possession thereof to <sup>continue to</sup> occupy the same if <sup>he</sup> they secure to him the payment of a fair and reasonable rent, And out of the rents realized



by him to ~~pay~~ <sup>well</sup> pay the plaintiff's costs  
 her support. ~~the said costs after first paying the~~  
~~necessary costs attendant on the collection & disbursement thereof~~  
~~for the present year and to~~  
 write up his account and the amount  
 which he may realize to this Court  
 from time to time, But before the  
 said ~~business~~ <sup>business</sup> receives any rent under  
 this decree he is required to execute  
 a bond <sup>with security</sup> payable to the Commonwealth  
~~in the sum~~ before the Clerk of this Court  
 and to be filed with the papers of this  
 Cause, in the sum of \$500. conditioned  
 to discharge the duties hereby imposed.  
 It is further ordered that the  
 plaintiff recover his costs here  
 expended which the said decree is ordered  
 to pay out of what may come to his  
 hands, And the Cause is continued.

No. 1

James Lawson for

vs. } Men for  
          } William Lawrence

Elbert Lawson

Entered as Reg. 744

C. W. O. P. S. C.

Enter

J. S. K.

Apr. 3/78



Virginia.

At a Circuit Court continued and held for Lee County,  
at the Court House thereof, on Tuesday, December 2nd 1879.

Jeannie Lawson, by &c.

Plaintiff

against

Elbert Lawson

Defendant

} In Chancery.

This cause came on again this day to be heard upon the papers  
formerly read, and was argued by Counsel; and, it appearing  
that Joseph Willis, Receiver in this cause, has heretofore failed to  
file his report of his acts & doings, or to pay the necessary costs  
and expenses heretofore decreed to the plaintiff, It is ordered by the  
Court that said Willis appear here, on the first day of the next  
term of this Court, and shew cause, if any he can, why he  
shall not be fined for his said contempt in failing to obey & dis-  
charge the duties heretofore assigned him. And further shew to  
this Court why he shall not be removed from his said office of  
Receiver as aforesaid. And the cause is continued.

Teste - James W. Orr, Clerk.



(S)

Jeannie Lawson, by  
vs. } Copy of Dece  
Albert Lawson.

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Executed:

Francis Miles S.S.  
for T. S. Ely S. S. C.



Virginia

A circuit Court continued and held for Lee County, at the Court House thereof, on Wednesday the 3rd day of April 1878.

Jennie Lawson by sc

Ptff.

against

Albert Lawson

Def.

In Echy.

This cause came on this day to be heard on the bill of the plaintiff, the answer of the defendant by C. J. Duncan his Guardian ad litem. The depositions of witnesses and was argued by counsel. On consideration whereof it is adjudged ordered and decreed that the plaintiff and defendant be divorced a mensa et thoro. And it further appears to the Court that the plaintiff is entitled to suitable maintenance out of the estate of defendant in the bill mentioned, wherefore it is further adjudged and decreed that Loftin Maness, who is hereby appointed a receiver and whose duty it is made to take into his possession the land in the bill mentioned and rent it out, and manage it in such manner as may seem most prudent and expedient. He may permit the tenant now in the possession thereof to continue to occupy the same, if he secure the payment of a fair and reasonable rent and out of the rents realized by him, he will pay the plaintiff towards her support the said rents, after first paying the necessary costs attendant on the collection and disbursement thereof, he will report his action and the amount which he may realize to this Court from time to time.



But before the said Maness, receives any rent under this decree, he is required to execute a bond with security, payable to the Commonwealth, before the Clerk of this Court, and to be filed with the papers of this Cause, in the penalty of \$500 & Conditioned to discharge the duties hereby imposed. It is further ordered that the plaintiff recover her costs here expended, which the said receiver is ordered to pay out of what may come to his hands, and the Cause is Continued.

A Copy

Teste- R. W. Orr Jr. D.C.

C. 5.75  
 a 15.00  
 3 5.00  
 Dr. 5.00  
 b. 4.5.00  
 Amer. 75  
 W. 50  
 \$ 22.50

Genl. Laurens

as Copy of Decree

Allen Laurens

Executed by delivering  
to Captain Manns a

Copy of the entire  
decree. Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1876.

Thos J. Ely, D.C.

for Thos J. Ely, D.C.



Virginia,

In the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Lee County  
on the 7th day of February 1878.

Jeannie Lanson by Kinder Lanson Plaintiff  
against  
Elbert Lanson Defendant } In Chancery.

The deposition of Joseph Willis, taken before the  
undersigned Commissioner in Chancery of the  
Circuit Court of Lee County, to be read as evidence in  
the above styled cause, on behalf of the plaintiff.  
Taken in presence of the plaintiff's Counsel, Mr  
P. Hagan, and C. F. Duncan, Guardian ad Litem  
for the defendant.

The said Joseph Willis, a witness of lawful age, and  
being first duly sworn deposes and says.

I am acquainted with the plaintiff and defendant  
in this suit, and a relation of the defendant, and  
live near them, and know so far as I have any  
personal knowledge, they lived together peaceably  
and agreeably, until about Sept 1877, at which time  
the defendant left, and has gone to parts unknown  
to me, a short time before he left, he disposed of all  
his available property, as I have been informed by  
the purchaser, Arthur Rogers, at very low prices.

Mr Rogers also informed me that he had ~~leased~~ <sup>rented</sup>  
defendants land at the price of 200 bushels of Corn  
~~to be paid annually~~  
~~per year~~ for five years, The defendant having left  
no means of support <sup>for his wife, the plaintiff,</sup> nor sent her any means that  
I know ~~or~~ have heard, of, she is now in a destitute  
condition, and in a pregnant condition also.



The defendant owns two tracts of land containing  
from 250 to 350 acres, with some 75 or 100 acres in  
cultivation, or cleared land, Rogers took possession of  
defts crop, raised on his land last year.

I think the <sup>annual</sup> rental value of the defts lands <sup>is</sup> ~~to be~~  
\$125.00. And further this deponent saith not,

Joseph X Willis

Virginia, Lee county, to wit,

The foregoing deposition of Joseph Willis was this  
day taken, subscribed and sworn to before me for  
the purposes, and at the place, in the caption mentioned.

James W Orr, Comr in  
Chancery.

Courts fee .75 cts

Witness .50

James Lawson by vs

vs Deposition of Joseph  
Willis.

Colbert Lawson

Filed Feb 7th 1878.

James W Orr, Clerk.

Courts fee .75 -  
Witness .50



Virginia Lee County to wit.  
This day Wm. Lawson personally  
appeared before me & made oath  
that Elbert Lawson is a non resident  
of the Commonwealth of Virginia  
Given under my hand this 14<sup>th</sup>  
day of Oct - 1897.

B. W. Orr Jr. D. C.



Jeanne Lawrenson

W. J. Affair of  
Maurice

Albert Lawrenson



To the Honorable John A. Kelley  
Judge of the Circuit Court of Sec. County  
The undersigned having been appointed  
Clerk in the Chancery Court of Pennsylvania  
Lawson vs. Albert Lawson now  
pending in said court

By leave to state that in Obenine  
to the record entered in said cause  
your comr did not get the papers  
until long after the same was  
entered but as soon as he read  
a copy of the Order he proceeded  
as best he could, <sup>one of the terms of</sup> and rented the  
lands <sup>in the Bill mentioned</sup> for the year 1879 to  
Peggy Johnson for one third of  
the crop and she paid your  
comr 44 bushels of corn which  
he sold in the shop at 25 cents  
per bushel being \$11.00 also  
4 bushels of Rye at 25 cents per bushel  
\$1.00 also 4 bushels of Wheat which  
sold at 60 cents per bushel \$2.40 total  
sales of said rents \$14.40  
The Other tract I rented to James  
Lawson for a third of the grain raised  
he paid me 60 bushels of corn or rents  
sold 50 bushels of it at 25 <sup>cts</sup> per bushel \$12.50  
sold the residue 10 bushels at 16 <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> per bushel







~~be discharged, and that said~~  
Comr be discharged from any  
further duty in said case  
and that some other Comr  
be substituted in his room  
all of which is Respectfully  
submitted

Yours

Joseph H. <sup>Dir</sup> Willis

A. R. Surgenor

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Demmer Lumber  
vs 3 Comrs  
Report  
Elbert Lamm

Filed Mr. 24th 1880.

Jas W Orr. Clerk.



Know all men by these presence That we  
Wine Lawson (Jennie Lawsons next friend) <sup>and</sup>  
Jennie Lawson both of the county of Lee and  
State of Va. of the one part and Elbert Lawson  
of the county of Christian and State of Mo. of  
the other.

Witnesseth That for and in consider-  
ation of The sum of twenty five dollars in  
hand paid The receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged  
doth bargain sell and convey unto The said Elbert  
Lawson all right title claim or demand That  
said Jennie Lawson has, or has heretofore had  
either by alimony or in any wise pertaining to The  
claim That said Jennie Lawson sued The said Elbert  
Lawson in The circuit court of Lee county Virginia  
and obtained judgement therefor by Wine Lawson  
her next <sup>friend</sup> together with all the claim I have in  
The Estate of The said Elbert Lawson my husband  
and all I claim in The bill I filed is hereby relin-  
quished and all The benefits of said judgement in said  
court I fully assign deliver and convey to The said  
Elbert Lawson his heirs or assigns forever and release  
for ever any claim That The Laws of This State may  
allow me, or has heretofore allowed, I do this with  
a perfect understanding of what I am doing and have  
not been persuaded by any one so to do And I further  
authorize <sup>and</sup> empower my Council Gen. A. S. Pridemore  
to have my bill which I filed by next friend Wine



Lawson dismissed and Stricken from The docket and  
for him The Saide Gen. A. S. Bridgman to see that all  
the benefits of Saide bill and The judgments of The Court  
that Saide bill was filed goes now to the benefit of Elbert  
Lawson or his assigns.

In witness whereof I have hereunto, (with my  
next friend Wm Lawson) Signed, Sealed, acknowledged  
and delivered This instrument with warranty  
forever. To The Saide Elbert Lawson

This The 26<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1882

Attest

Wm P Rogers

Wm <sup>his</sup> + Lawson

Jennie <sup>his</sup> + Lawson

Seal

Seal

Jennie & Wm Lawson  
Seal  
Elbert Lawson  
Executed Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 1882

(Attest)

Wm M. Tate Jr.

Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 1882

Given under my hand and official signature  
execution of the same  
signatures by their most true persons and also acknowledged  
for the purpose set forth in said instrument and for the  
are signed to the foregoing instrument of writing both for  
sincerely appeared before me and acknowledged that their  
Wm & Lawson and Jennie Lawson, both of said county  
of said county & State in and for said county do hereby certify that  
State of Ark. I Wm M. Tate an acting Justice of the



Virginia

At a circuit Court continued and held  
for Lee County at the Court House thereof  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1882.

Jeannie Lawson by D<sup>o</sup> --- Plff<sup>y</sup>

vs

Elbert Lawson --- D<sup>ft</sup>

In Chancery

The defendant in this cause having been proceeded  
against as an infant and a non-resident of the  
State, and having attained the age of 21 years,  
and five years not having elapsed since the  
institution of the suit. On the motion of the d<sup>ft</sup>,  
by his Counsel, who presented his petition in  
open Court, praying to have the cause reope-  
ned, and is by consent of plaintiffs Counsel,  
allowed to be filed without being sworn to,  
and by like consent the said defendant is allow-  
ed to file his answer to the plaintiffs bill, with-  
out being sworn to, and the same is accordingly  
filed, to which the plaintiffs entered a general  
replication, and the petition of John Lawson  
is filed, to which Elbert Lawson appears, and  
Rule against Jeannie Lawson is awarded  
to answer the same.

A Copy Teste:

J. A. Hyatt  
Clerk



Jeannie Lawson by  
vs Rule against  
Jeannie Lawson

Albert Lawson

To. 1<sup>st</sup> day Aug. 1. 1882

Executed  
H. Miles & S.



Virginia

At a Circuit Court Continued  
and held for Lee County at the Court  
House thereof on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1882

Jeannie Lawson by &c.

Plffs

vs

Elbert Lawson

Def.

In Chancery

## ## ## ## ## And it appearing that  
Joseph Willis Farmer receiver has not  
made a final report of his action as such  
receiver, a Rule is awarded against him  
and his security Thomas McPherson to  
shew cause, if any they can, upon the  
first day of the next term, why an  
execution shall not issue against  
them for the amounts in the hands of  
said receiver ## ##

A Copy Test:-

J. A. Hyatt  
Clerk.



Jessie Lawson by  
vs Rule against  
Joseph Willis et al.

Elbert Lawson

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To 1<sup>st</sup> day August 1. 1882

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Executed  
H. Miles, C. S.



Know all men by these presents that we Joseph  
Willis & Thomas McPherson are held and firmly  
bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the  
just and full sum of Five hundred dollars for  
the payment thereof well and truly to be made  
to the said Commonwealth we bind ourselves, our  
heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and  
severally firmly by these presents. "And we hereby  
waive the benefit of our homestead exemptions as  
to this bond" Witness our hands and seals, this 30<sup>th</sup>  
day of August 1878.

The condition of the above obligation is such that where-  
as the above bound Joseph Willis has this day been  
substituted in room of Loftin Manno, a receiver in  
the Chancery cause of Jennie Lamson by &c plaintiff  
against Elliott Lamson defendant, to take into his  
possession the land in the bill mentioned and rent  
it out and manage it in such manner as may seem  
most prudent and expedient &c, and to execute the decree  
in said cause rendered at the March term 1878,

Now if the said Joseph Willis shall well and faithfully  
perform and discharge the duties imposed by the de-  
crees in said cause, then this obligation to be void,  
otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Acknowledged in  
open court, Aug 30/78  
Lester James Clerk

Joseph <sup>Willis</sup> ~~Willis~~ (seal)  
Thos. McPherson (seal)



Fannie Lauson lyre

Receivers bond

Albert Lauson

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Filed Aug 30th 1878.

James W Orr. clk.



Jessie Lawson who was by Minnie  
Lawson her next friend - ~~off.~~

vs  
Albert Lawson deft } In Ch.

The object of  
this suit is to attach upon the lands of  
the defendant Albert Lawson situated  
upon the "Hickory Hill" in Lee County Va,  
on the waters of the North Fork of Clinch  
River & which the said Albert Lawson de-  
rived by descent from his father Russell  
Lawson now deceased; and which said  
lands adjoining the lands of Addie Lawson  
and Lottie Mann. Consisting of about  
250 or 300 acres, 40 of which is cleared  
and the residue timbered; and is the same where  
on the said Minnie Lawson now resides -  
the object of the attachment is to hold  
said lands liable for the reasonable  
support & maintenance of the plaintiff  
Jessie Lawson wife of the said Albert  
Lawson, ~~in the said~~

Virginia, Lee County Court Clerk's office the 5th day of  
Oct, 1877. The foregoing Dispendens was this day filed in  
this office and admitted to record.

Teste R.W. Orr Jr. D.C.



Jeannie Laurence

vs { Lis Penelens

Elbert Laurin

Recorded in Deed Book  
No 18. Page 142  
A. H. Orr Jr. D.C.

Oct 5th 1877.



To Joseph Willis Rawner &c.

Sir Whereas by a decree rendered in the chancery cause of Jeannie Lawson by &c vs Elbert Lawson now pending in the circuit court of Lee county Virginia on the 30th day of Augt, 1878 you were appointed a receiver in said cause to rent out and receive the rents and profits of the land in the bill and proceedings in that cause mentioned, but before entering on the discharge of the duties of such receiver you were required to enter into bond with security for the performance of the duties pertaining thereto and whereas by a bond dated Augt the 30th 1878 I became jointly bound with you as your surety in the sum of \$500.00 for the faithful discharge by you of the duties of the office of receiver aforesaid and whereas I feel myself to be in danger of sustaining a loss by reason of such surety,

Notice is therefore given you that on the 3rd day of the next Term of the circuit court for Lee county at the court <sup>House</sup> I will make a motion before said court in that cause to be released from further liability as such surety, and to remove you from the office of such receiver unless you execute a new bond with other security

Thomas McPherson by his

Counsel Ayers & Morgan

March 17-1881



750  
23  
11/2/54  
Thomas McPherson

as { Notice 3rd day of Jan

Joseph Willis

I accept legal  
service of the within  
notice

Joseph<sup>his</sup> Willis  
mark

When served please return  
to one J. M.



Virginia,

At Rules held in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Lee County, on Monday the 1st day of Oct. 1877.

Jeanie Lawson by vs

Plff

against

Elbert Lawson

Def

} In Chancery

The object of this suit is to attach the land in the Bill and proceedings mentioned, belonging to the defendant, Elbert Lawson, which descended to him from his father Russell Lawson decd, situated upon the Hickory Hill in Lee County Virginia, adjoining the lands of Loftin. Maness et als, and subject the same to the support and maintenance of the plaintiff Jeanie Lawson, and it appearing from an affidavit filed in the cause, that the defendant, Elbert Lawson, is a non-resident of this state, It is therefore ordered that he appear here in one month after the publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect his interests in this suit.

A copy

Teste, R. W. Orr Jr. D.C.

I certify that on Monday the first day of the November term 1877, of the County Court of Lee County, I posted a copy of the above order at the front door of the Court house of said County. Given under my hand Oct 16 1877.

James W Orr. Clerk.



Jeannie Lauson by rc

vs } Oro Pub'

Elbert Lauson

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Copy to Sentinel.



# The Commonwealth of Virginia:

TO THE SHERIFF OF LEE COUNTY---Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON

*Albert Lawson*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Lee County, at the Court-House, in the Clerk's Office, at *November* Rules next, to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited in our said Court against him *Jennie Lawson who sues by Winder Lawson her next friend*

And have then there this writ. Witness. JAMES W. ORR, Clerk of our said court, at the Court-House, this *5th* day of *October* 1877, in the *102* year of the Commonwealth.

*Attest* *James W Orr, Clerk.*  
*James W Orr, Clerk.*



The proper affidavit having been made, <sup>in this cause</sup> it is ordered  
that the Sheriff executing this process, do attach the  
tract of land in the bill mentioned belonging to the de-  
fendant, lying and being in Lee County Va. on the Hickory  
Hill, & on the waters of the North Fork of Clinch River, and  
that decended to the defendant from his father Russell Hanson  
deed and adjoins the lands of Leptin Mannus & Adire Hanson,  
Containing about 250 or 300 acres and consisting of about  
40 acres cleared and the residue timbered land. And the  
same in his hands so attached so to secure and provide that  
the same may be forthcoming and liable to the future  
order of the Court.

A copy: <sup>James W Orr. Clerk</sup>  
Date <sup>James W Orr. Clerk</sup>



# The Commonwealth of Virginia:

TO THE SHERIFF OF LEE COUNTY---Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON

*Elbert Laussen*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Lee County, at the Court-House, in the Clerk's Office, at *November* Rules next, to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited in our said Court against *him by Jennie Laussen who sues by Wanda Laussen her next friend*

And have then there this writ. Witness. JAMES W. ORR, Clerk of our said court, at the Court-House, this *5th* day of *October* 1877, in the *102nd* year of the Commonwealth.

*James W. Orr, Clerk.*



(5) 124 P  
Jeannie Laussen Lyre  
vs Shd in Chancery.

Elbert Laussen

100 Rules 1877.

Levied the attachment  
as directed in the endorse-  
ment hereon, on the tract  
of land described in said  
endorsement, Oct 5th 1877.

But I did not execute  
the writ in Shd on the  
defendant he being a  
nonresident of this State.

Thomas J. Ely D S  
for Thomas J. Ely S L C

Tax Paid.

The proper affidavit having been made in this cause, it is ordered  
that the sheriff executing this process do attach the tract of land  
in the bill mentioned belonging to the defendant, lying and  
being in Decatur Co., on the Mchory Mill and on the right  
of the fork fork of the Mchory River, and that descended to the de-  
fendant from his father Samuel Laussen decd, and adjoining  
the lands of Captain Harmon & wife Laussen, containing 250 or  
300 acres and consisting of about 40 acres cleared and the residue  
unimproved land, and the same in his hands so attached so to occupy  
and provide that the same may be forthcoming and liable to the  
future order of the court.

~~Copy~~  
Jas. J. Ely  
for Thomas J. Ely S L C



## I Hereby Certify

That, a Chancery Order in the Circuit Court of  
Lee County, of which the annexed is a copy,  
was printed four successive weeks in the "Lee County  
Sentinel," a weekly newspaper published in the town of  
Jonesville, County of Lee, State of Virginia. Publication  
ending this, 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 1877.

*Charles Willoughby*

Publisher "Sentinel."

VIRGINIA :—At rules held in the Clerk's  
office of the Circuit Court of Lee county,  
on Monday, the 1st day of October, 1877.

JENNIE LAWSON, by, &c., Pltff.	} In Chancery
ELBERT LAWSON, Def't.	

The object of this suit is to attach the land  
in the bill and proceedings mentioned, belong-  
ing to the defendant, Elbert Lawson, which  
descended to him from his father Russell Law-  
son, dec'd., situated upon the Hickory Hill in  
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the support and maintainance of the plaintiff,  
Jennie Lawson. And it appearing from an affi-  
davit filed in the cause, that the defendant, El-  
bert Lawson, is a non-resident of this State.—  
It is therefore ordered that he appear here  
within one month after due publication of this  
order, and do what is necessary to protect his  
interest in this suit.

A copy, Teste—R. W. ORR, jr., D. C.  
Oct 6 4w \$5.



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CASE OF

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vs.

Albert Lawson

in Chancery.

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